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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, on which are readable claims 1 to 3 and 5 to 15, drawn to a method for recycling metal pickling baths.

Applicant retains his right to file a divisional application for the invention of Group II, on which are readable claims 16 to 25, drawn to a device for recycling metal pickling baths.

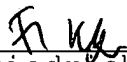
As a result of the foregoing amendment, Applicant has already amended claim 1 by including the subject matter of original claim 4.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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